

REMARKS

Claims 25-47 are pending. Claims 44 and 46 are cancelled.

Amendments to the Claims

The amendments to claims 25 and 45 are supported, *inter alia*, by the specification at page 15, line 8-9. Claims 27, 29, 31-34, 38-40, 42 and 42 are amended to depend from base claim 25. The claims are amended to speed up prosecution and without prejudice or disclaimer of the original subject matter claimed therein. No new matter is added by way of these amendments. The applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter in a continuation application.


Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 25-43, 45 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner considers the term "long", as used to describe "long chain polymer surfactant component" in claim 25 in dependent claims, to be vague. Applicants respectfully disagree. As stated above, applicants have amended claims 25 and 45 to recite that the long chain polymer surfactant component is a polymer surfactant having a molecular weight greater than 1000. In view of the amendment and arguments presented above, applicants request that the Examiner withdraws the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4229.

Respectfully submitted,

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